Temperance Column.

By the Ocala Temperance Reform Club.

Edited by J. A. Murden.

The Club meets every Sunday afternoon at for o'clock in Temperance Hall. The Public are invited.

THE SALOONS MUST GO.

In order that the best interests of our city and community may be maintained and advanced, the saloons MUST GO. And by such an assertion we don't mean for them work, with legal authority; nor permits, as they are now; but we mean they MUST GO OUT OF EXIST-ENCE.

who, perhaps, may be well-wishers hibit. of the temperance cause, will charge us with talking at random, under prohibition are not as danand not knowing what we are say gerous to the youth of our city as dispensary system, or some other are MADE in the latter. system, is the remedy--not prohibition, as they consider it impossible, and are therefore declaring that "prohibition won't prohibit."

And then we hear the saloon element taking up the same cry, "Prohibition won't prohibit," until we have to look closely at and study lost or stolen property, investigasome men, to conclude whether or tion of crime. Collecting a spenot they really WANT prohibition cialty. to prohibit.

We would not be surprised next to hear of the saloonkeepers themselves, in presenting their petitions for signatures, emphasizing the same cry, "Prohibition won't Florida and Western prohibit,"-"if we fail to get licenses, we will sell liquor all the same."

Now, we want to show, if we can briefly, the superior c'aims of prohibition over any license system.

First, prohibition has God's sanction and approval, while the liquor traffic, in any form, has his frown of disapproval resting upon it, and woe to all at the last day who will be found to have been stubbornly fighting against God.

Then the liquor traffice is recognized throughout the world as a great evil and producer of crime, and surely the prohibition rather than the licensing of crime should meet the favor of every one.

The long catalogue of crimes which are continuously being committed are not licensed directly, but on the contrary are prohibited by the statute books, but nevertheless, in licensing the liquor traffic, these crimes ARE licensed, and are increasing to an alarming extent.

We insist upon the prohibition of the liquor traffic because it places the law on our side.

But the same old cry is hurled at "us-"Prohibition won't prohibit" -and our opponents remind us of 4887, when Marion county "went dry" and club-houses were established.

We admit, from the same standpoint Sam Jones does, that "prohibition won't prohibit." He says and Country that "prohibition won't prohibit," and that neither will an ax cut wood, but that somebody must be behind each to do the work.

And right, here we want to say, T that if those representative business men who worked so zealously in 1887 to secure prohibition, had labored half as hard to enforce it, there wouldn't be such a continual Oca'a wail going up about prohibition not prohibiting.

But we want to ask the opposers of prohibition this question:

If the saloon men, during the

ting along so well, rui ning their Hecret club-rooms, having no licenses to pay, and experiencing no inconveniences whatever, then why were they so anxious at the end of that period to call another election?

Ah! they knew they were occupying a dangerous position, and they wanted to get back under the sheltering arms of the law.

And so we want the law on our side to protect us.

Of course it would only prohibit to go right along in their ruinous as it was enforced, and some time might be required to make the law upon licenses based upon ILLEGAL very effective, though we believe we have a healthier prohibition sentiment than we had in 1887.

However, prohibition is not the Now, right here, some people, only law that doesn't always pro-

We claim that even low dives ing; that they believe in stopping the enticing, gilded palace under the evil influences of the liquor license. Drunkards are simply traffic, but that high license, the FINISHED in the former, while they

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